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## Louisiana

### **Success Story: Homeownership—A Lifetime Dream!**

#### **Outline of Need**

Nectar Jellison came to the United States from Panama in 1984 as a United States military wife. When her marriage ended, Ms. Jellison was faced with supporting her family on her own. Her children have always been her top priority. She provides love, support, and financial assistance to a daughter attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and a son living at home who is in high school. Home is an important word to Ms. Jellison, but she always thought that owning a home—much less a home in the United States—was just a dream.

#### **How Rural Development Helped**

USDA Rural Development worked with Ms. Jellison to complete the loan application process for a Section 502 Direct very low-income loan for the purchase of an existing home. The loan was approved, and Ms. Jellison and her son moved into their new home in New Llano, Louisiana, in October 2004.

#### **The Results**

Through the housing programs offered by USDA Rural Development, Ms. Jellison, a Panamanian immigrant, was able to achieve the American dream of homeownership.

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Nectar Jellison's new home—financed by USDA Rural Development.

